

# Invasive Plants of Cottonwood Creek



*Arundo donax*  
*a.k.a. Giant Reed,*  
*or False Bamboo*

- ❖ Perennial grass, native to India
- ❖ Height can reach over 20 ft.



- ❖ Introduced in L.A. as ornamental – early 1800s
- ❖ Reproduces primarily through rhizomes which root and sprout readily
- ❖ Root & stem fragments can float miles downstream and initiate new infestations